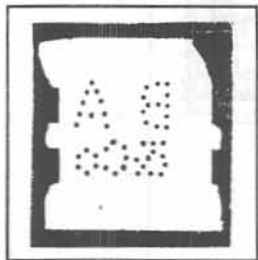


A different Schermack

Harry Rickart (#1802) and John Lyding (L126)



The Schermacks we have been accustomed to have the small holes punched in various positions in and around a square. Quite a while ago, I came across the pictured copy with its perforated initials that identified it as coming from a brokerage house. It and an-

other copy in much worse shape were put aside and just recently relocated.

Both copies appear to have been torn apart instead of the usual cutting process which leave nice clean edges. My guess is that a number of stamps were punched by a junior clerk and instead of cutting them apart, he merely tore them apart.

Perfin patterns come on many U.S. stamps but, to my recollection, I had not seen patterns on Schermacks. Has anyone other patterns and does anyone have this B30 on a Schermack?